



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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May 21, 2013

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR
A GRANT TO THE CITY OF MONROVIA FOR THE
JULIAN FISHER PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Monrovia for the replacement of play equipment at Julian Fisher Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Julian Fisher Playground Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project involves replacement of existing structures or facilities for the reasons stated herein and reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Allocate \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Monrovia available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the Julian Fisher Playground Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the City of Monrovia for the Julian Fisher Playground Project if applicable conditions have been met and authorize the Director to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds

Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Monrovia for the Julian Fisher Playground Project.

The City of Monrovia is an eligible recipient of Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition.

Julian Fisher Park is located at 915 South California Avenue in Monrovia. The Project consists of the replacement of play equipment and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant play area surfacing to serve youth ages two to fifteen years old. The \$250,000 Project is funded entirely from the requested \$250,000 in Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grant to the City, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing recreational youth facilities in the City of Monrovia in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grants, in the amount of \$250,000, is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of Monrovia has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following

fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the District are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Monrovia is the lead for the proposed Julian Fisher Playground Project.

The proposed project in the City of Monrovia is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of replacement of existing structures or facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the City of Monrovia may proceed with the Julian Fisher Playground Project in the Fifth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors